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No official records except I have verbally mentioned about Multiphase Pump during the job interview to join WGESP.
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Jeff Dwiggins during Engineering Staff Meeting.
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1998.
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Give details. Currently working on a project for making a prototype of the subject invention by third quarter of 2003.
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Have included a slide on Electrical Submersible Multiphase Pump project in pump presentations to Customers of WGESP since 1999.
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Subject: Multi-Stage Turbomachines for handling Two Phase Fluids.

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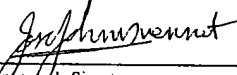
Objective: A device for transferring energy to fluid consisting of atleast one liquid phase and one gaseous phase. The device comprises of one or more stages are installed inside a cylindrical housing. Each stage consists of atleast one rotating part called impeller and a stationary part called diffuser. The hub and shroud surfaces of impeller and diffuser are formed by surface of revolution of one or more straight lines inclined at an angle to the axis of rotation of impellers. One or more blades confined between the hub and shroud surface are designed using Computational Fluid Dynamic Analysis to have better multiple phase handling capabilities than the conventional turbomachines designed to handle single phases. The present invention is primarily applicable to electric submersible pumping systems for producing fluids from a well bore, however can be applied to other industrial applications.


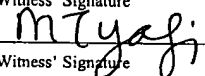
Background: Electrical Submersible Pumping (ESP) systems are used to transfer energy to the liquid and thus to produce liquids from wellbores. A typical ESP systems consists of an electric motor driving a multi-stage pumps of centrifugal or mixed flow type. These pumps have limited gas handling capabilities. When the gas volume fraction at the intake of pumps exceeds above 10-20%, they typically become gas locked.

The present invention is for a design of rotodynamic pump stages for better handling two phase fluids. The gas locking phenomenon can be explained by dynamics of the fluid flow through the impeller and diffuser. The streamwise and transverse pressure gradients, streamline curvature and slip between different phases contribute to segregation of the phases. The gas phase accumulate in certain regions of the flow passage causing head degradation and gas locking in conventional design. The current design with specific geometries, optimized with fluid dynamic analysis, minimizes the pressure gradient and curvature effects on gas handling.

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Description of the drawings:

Fig. 1 illustrates a conventional rotodynamic multi-stage pump used in electrical submersible pumping systems. The stage design, consisting of impeller and diffuser, is of high specific speed mixed flow type design.

MULTI-STAGE ELECTRICAL SUBMERSIBLE PUMP (PRIOR ART)

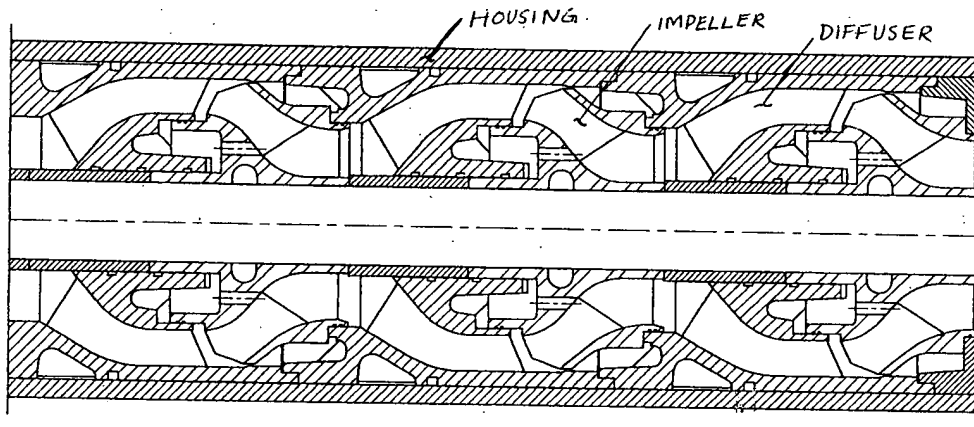


FIG. 1.

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Fig. 2 illustrates a multi-stage diagonal flow turbomachine in accordance with present embodiment of the invention. The design shown in the figure is an adaptation of the present invention to the electrical submersible pump type configuration with additional innovative features. The pump consists of a series of diagonal type stages. Each stages can be of identical design or of varying design with the high capacity stages on the upstream side of the flow (generally the bottom stages in a downhole installation). The diffusers are installed in housing whose ID is honed to precise tolerances. The diffusers are prevented from rotation by keeping them under compression. The impellers rotate inside the diffuser.

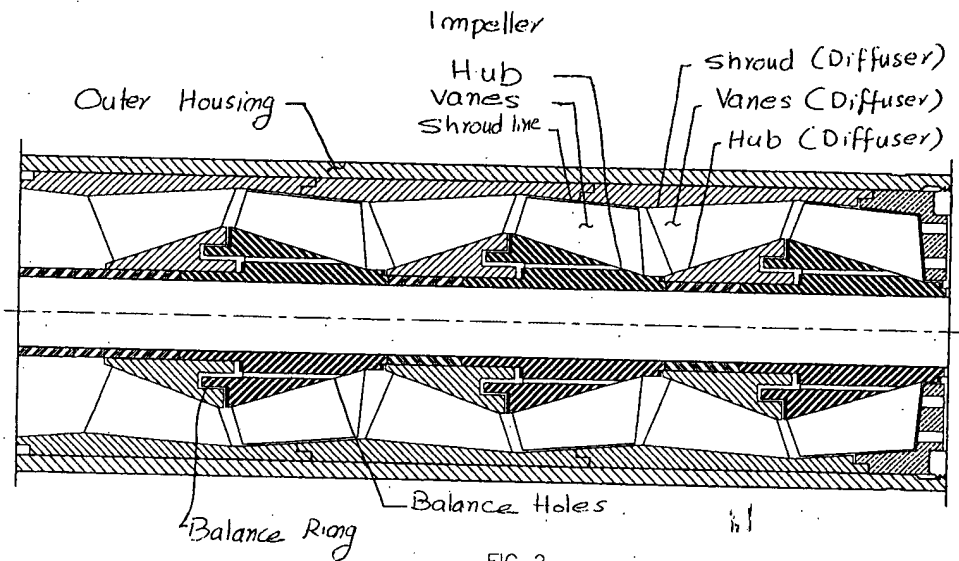


FIG. 2.

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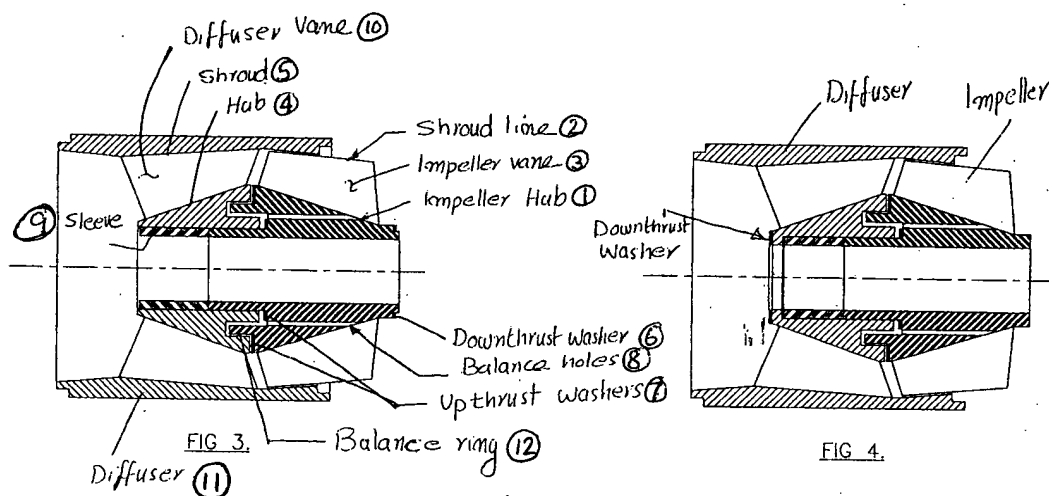
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Fig. 3 show the details of the stages which consists of atleast one impeller and diffuser. The impeller has multiple vanes (3) to transfer energy between the fluid and impeller. The impeller vanes are confined between hub (1) and shroud (2) surfaces. Each of the hub and shroud surfaces are formed by surface of revolution of atleast one line segment inclined to the axis at an angle. Each of the surface can also be formed by surfaces of revolutions of multiple line segments, preferably 2 to 5 segments, inclined at different angles to the axis. Similarly the diffuser vanes (10) are confined between hub (4) and shroud (5) surfaces, which are formed by surfaces of revolutions of multiple line segments. The upthrust washers (7), one at the hub and other at the balance ring, of the impeller restrict the impeller upward movement and downthrust washer (6) restrict the axial downward movement. Inorder to reduce the axial thrust the impeller have a balance ring (12) and balance hole(8). The hub length of the impeller, in one optional configuration, will be shorter than the axial length of the diffuser to allow for sleeve to be fixed to the shaft by a key. The sleeve made of different materials can run inside a bore machined inside the diffuser hub or run inside a bushing (not shown) pressed inside the diffuser hub. The bushing and sleeve can be of impeller material, or material of higher hardness (eg. Tungsten carbide, Silicon Carbide, Zirconia etc.) for withstanding abrasive environments or can be of peek, graphalloy etc. Fig 4. shows an alternate configuration in which downthrust washer is stationary and fixed to the diffuser hub.



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Fig. 5 show another embodiment of this invention, where a pump have stages of the present invention shown in Fig. 2 , along with one or more of the following type of stages like inducers, axial flow stages, mixed flow stages and radial flow stages. The inducer and axial flow stages will be on the upstream side of the flow, followed by diagonal type stage, mixed flow stage and radial flow stages in the respective order.

Fig. 6 show an alternate embodiment of the present invention where an installation uses pumps of configuration shown in Fig 2 or Fig 5 combined with any one of the pumps like inducer, axial, mixed or radial type pump.

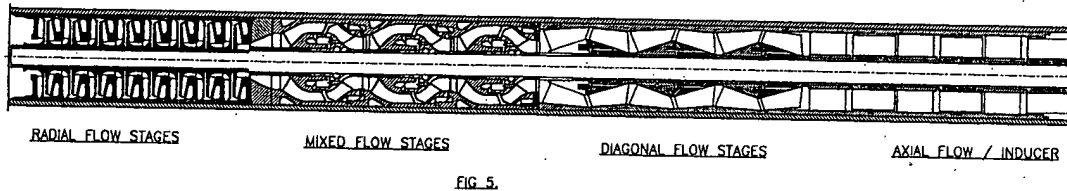


FIG. 5.

MULTI-TYPE - MULTISTAGE PUMP.

FIG. 6

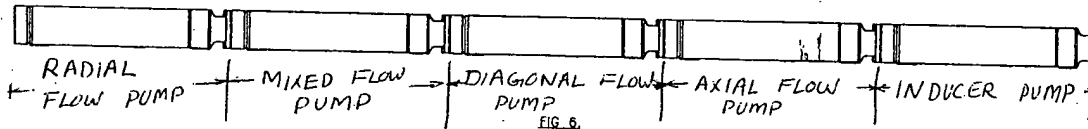


FIG. 6.

ELECTRICAL SUBMERSIBLE PUMPING SYSTEM WITH MULTI-TYPE PUMPS.

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